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SUBJ: DATES AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR FY 76 IV GRANTEE

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1. PROPOSE BLOM TRAVEL TO U.S. ON OCTOBER 27 TO BEGIN ONE-MONTH PROGRAM

IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

2. AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN NEWS FOR NORWAY'S NATIONAL RADIO NET A

WORK, BLOM HAS MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPORTING ON U.S. AND SUPERVISION OF RADIO'S FULL TIME CORRESPONDENTS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON

HOWEVER, HE HAS NEVER VISITED THE U.S. AND WOULD LIKE TO GET AS BROAD AN OVERVIEW AS POSSIBLE IN A MONTH OF AMERICAN POLITICS, SOCIETY AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM. IN GENERAL, HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK NOT ONLY WITH NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEADERS, BUT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GET A FEEL FOR GRASSROOTS AMERICA BY TALKING WITH "THE MAN IN THE STREET" ABOUT HIS PROBLEMS HIS CONCERNS AND HIS HOPES FOR THE FUTURE. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH NEWS EXECUTIVES OF MAJOR REGIONAL RADIO AND TV STATIONS.

3. HE WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN HIS VISIT WITH A WEEK IN WASHINGTON FOCUSING

PRIMARILY ON POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. SUGGESTS MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, CONGRESSMEN AND PERHAPS LEADERS OF PRIVATE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH SOCIAL PROBLEMS. HE HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED

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APPOINTMENTS WITH SENATORS SPARKMAN, CHURCH AND KENNEDY, CONGRESS-

MEN LUCIEN MEDZIE, DANIEAL ELLSBURG, PROFESSOR ROBERT OSGOOD,
AND MAJOR AMERICAN NEWS COMMENATORS OF THE WASHINGTON SCENE.

.4. FROM WASHINGTON, TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS FOR A 4-5 DAYS VISIT
FOCUSING ON LOCAL POLITICS AND RACIAL QUESTIONS.

5. TRAVEL UP MISSISSIPPI RIVER (PARTLY BY CAR OR BOAT) STOPPING AT
SELECTED TOWNS ALONG THE WAY, INCLUDING HANNIBAL, MO. HE HAS
LONG BEEN ENAMORED WITH THE WIT AND WRITINGS OF MARK TWAIN).

6. FROM THE MISSISSIPPI, FLY TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR A 4-5 DAY VISIT,
INCLUDING A TRIP TO SACRAMENTO FOR A MEETING WITH PROFESSOR KIRSTEN
AMUNDSEN AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, AND VISIT TO A NATIONAL
PARK.

7. FROM CALIFORNIA, FLY TO NEW YORK FOR 2-3 DAYS AT U.N. HEAD-
QUARTERS. SUGGEST STOP IN MAJOR MID-WEST CITY IF SCHEDULE PERMITS.

8. ADVISE ACCEPTABILITY THESE DATES.
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